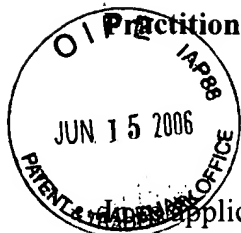


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Practitioner's Docket No. M4399.67114/99-156

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application of: Mooney, Jr.  
Application No.: 09/477,572  
Filed: 01/04/2000  
Confirmation No.: 9431  
For: CATHETER INCLUDING TEXTURED INTERFACE  
Group No.: 3763  
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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
(37 C.F.R. 1.114)**

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1. Applicant hereby requests continued examination, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. Section 1.114, for the above identified application.

**TIME REQUEST IS BEING MADE**

2. This request is being submitted:

- i. ☒ Prior to abandonment of the application
- ii. ☐ Payment of the issue fee
  - ☐ Prior to payment of issue fee
  - ☐ Issue fee has been paid but a petition under Section 1.313 has been granted
- iii. ☐ Prior to a decision on appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals & Interferences
  - ☐ A notice is being separately sent to the Board of Patent Appeals & Interferences that this Request for Continued Examination is being filed.
- iv. ☐ Appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals of the Federal Circuit under 35 U.S.C. 145 or
  - ☐ Commencement of a civil action under 35 U.S.C. 146
  - ☐ Prior to the filing of such appeal or commencement of civil action
  - ☐ Such appeal or commencement of civil action has been terminated

**ENCLOSURES**

3. Enclosed herewith is/are:

- ☐ An information disclosure statement (37 C.F.R. Section 1.98)
  - ☐ Form PTO-1449 (PTO/SB/08A and 08B)
- ☒ An amendment
- ☐ New arguments
- ☐ New evidence in support of patentability
- ☐ Other:

**FEE FOR REQUEST (37 C.F.R. Section 1.17(e)).**

4. This application is on behalf of:

☒ Small entity \$ 395.00

☐ Other than a small entity \$790.00

Continued Prosecution Request Fee \$ 395.00

**FEE FOR CLAIMS**

5. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. Section 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

(Col.1)			(Col. 2)	(Col. 3)	SMALL ENTITY		OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY		
Claims Remaining After Amendment			Highest No. Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	Addit. Fee	OR	Rate	Addit. Fee
Total	21	Minus	21	= 0	x \$25 =	\$0.00		x \$50 =	\$0.00
Indep.	4	Minus	4	= 0	x \$100 =	\$0.00		x \$200 =	\$0.00
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[    ] First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim						+ \$140 =	\$125.00	+ \$280 =	\$0.00
Total					\$0.00	OR	Total		
Addit.							Addit. Fee		
Fee									

(c) ☒ No additional fee is required.

**OR**

(d) ☐ Total additional fee required is \$ 0.00.

### EXTENSION OF TIME

6. The proceedings herein are for a patent application, and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. Section 1.136(a) apply.

- (a) ☒ Applicant petitions for an extension of time, the fees for which are set out in 37 C.F.R. Section 1.17(a)(1)-(4), for the total number of months checked below:

Extension for <u>(months)</u>	Fee for <u>small entity</u>	Fee for other than <u>small entity</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> one month	\$ 60	\$ 120
<input type="checkbox"/> two months	\$225	\$ 450
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> three months	\$510	\$ 1,020
<input type="checkbox"/> four months	\$795	\$1,590

Fee            \$ 510.00

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

- ☐ An extension for \_\_\_\_\_ months has already been secured, and the fee paid therefor of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

Extension fee due with this request    \$ 510.00

**OR**

- (b) ☐ Applicant believes that no extension of time is required. However, this is a conditional petition and authorization to pay the necessary fees to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time.

**TOTAL FEE(S) DUE**

7. The total fee(s) due is/are:

Continued Prosecution Fee (Section 1.17(e)) \$ 395.00

Extension of Time Fee \$ 510.00

Total Fee(s) Due: \$ 905.00

**PAYMENT OF FEE(S) DUE**

8. Please pay the fee(s) for this continued examination application as follows:

☐ A check is attached for the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Charge Account 06-0540 the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

☐ A duplicate of this Cover Sheet is attached.

☒ Charge Credit Card the sum of \$ 905.00

☒ Credit Card Payment Form (PTO-2038) is attached.

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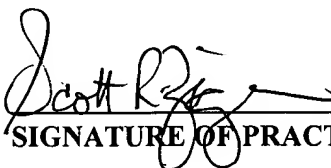
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☒ Deposit Account 06-0540

☐ Credit Card (Credit Card Payment Form (PTO-2038) attached.)

Respectfully submitted,

June 15, 2006  
DATE

  
SIGNATURE OF PRACTITIONER

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